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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Craig A. Branch et al.

Application No.: 10/826,260

Group Art Unit: 2859

Filed: April 19, 2004

Examiner: B. B. Shrivastav

For: RADIO FREQUENCY SHIELD FOR  
NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE  
PROCEDURES

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

**MS-Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

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1. Amendment Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
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Dated: December 2, 2005

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# AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks for entry in the above-identified U.S. patent application and consideration by the Examiner:

The **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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